

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Zoning Commission

FROM: Jennifer Steingasser, Deputy Director 

DATE: September 14, 2012

SUBJECT: **Setdown Report** for ZC #12-17, Reed-Cooke Overlay Text Amendment

I. RECOMMENDATION

The Office of Planning (OP) recommends setdown of the proposed text amendment. Setdown would allow a full evaluation of the proposed hotel at the corner of Euclid and Champlain Streets, NW (ZC #11-17). The text amendment is a necessary component of the compromise reached between the applicant and the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association on the design of the hotel. The proposed text would amend the Reed-Cooke Overlay to allow the proposed height, density and uses on the hotel site, but only for that use and only if the project preserves the First Church of Christ, Scientist building.

The proposed text would help preserve the Reed-Cooke Overlay, a key tool in achieving the Comprehensive Plan's objective of maintaining the character of the Reed-Cooke neighborhood. OP will work with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to review the proposed text prior to a public hearing on the case.